

# VALLEY VOICE



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National Guard Soldiers from Alpha Company 1-111th infantry visited DVVH veterans with 2 M1126 Stryker infantry carrier vehicles (ICV)

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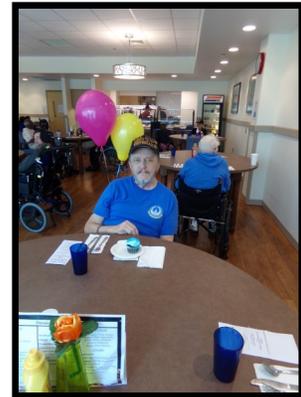


# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

from



all of us



On 22 July 2023, the Philadelphia Recruit Sustainment Program provided 41 warriors and 8 Cadre members as well as the RRBN CSM to bond with the residents in our community that we serve in by cleaning up the outside perimeter of the Delaware Valley Veterans' Home. In addition to cleaning up the area, these young warriors assisted the veteran home faculty by escorting the residents to designated eating areas and serving lunch as well as having conversations about how the military service differs between when the residents served versus what it is like to serve now. Additionally, Company A 1-111<sup>th</sup> Infantry, provided 2 Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicles and 6 Soldiers in a static display for the Veterans to check out and ask questions about. This event allowed the warriors in the Recruit Sustainment Program and the Veteran residents to grasp what the National Guard does and how we help the community we serve in while forming a bond and partnership that can be continued for future events.





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Members of American Legion Continental Post 263 participated with the National Guard members by bringing in numerous classic cars as well as motorcycles from the American Legion Riders for display.



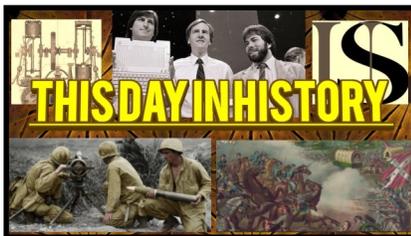
# Army Word Search

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WEAPON	WARFARE	VETERAN	UNIT
UNIFORM	TACTICAL	TROOPS	SUBMARINE
SQUADRON	SHOOT	SERVICE	RADAR
RECRUIT	RANK	RETREAT	RESCUE
PRIVATE	PLATOON	PARACHUTE	OFFENSE
DEFENSE	MISSILE	MORTAR	MEDAL
MILITARY	LIEUTENANT	INVASION	INFANTRY
GRENADE	FIGHT	FORMATION	CAPTAIN
CANNON	CADET	BATTLEFIELD	AMMO
AIRCRAFT	AMMUNITION	DEPLOYMENT	OFFICER
COMMAND	EAGLE	FOXTROT	CHARLIE
COMBAT	CALIBER	BARREL	BULLET
RIFLE	SOLDIER	ARMY	



**Cancer (June 21 – July 22)**



**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**

**July 4, 1776** - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

**July 5th 1810** - Birthday - Promoter and showman P.T. Barnum (1810-1891) was born in Bethel, Connecticut. His American Museum opened in 1842, exhibiting unusual acts such as the Feejee Mermaid, Siamese Twins Chang and Eng, and General Tom Thumb. In 1871, Barnum opened "The Greatest Show on Earth" in Brooklyn, New York. He later merged with rival J.A. Bailey to form the Barnum and Bailey Circus.

**July 16, 1945** - The experimental Atomic bomb "Fat Boy" was set off at 5:30 a.m. in the desert of New Mexico desert, creating a mushroom cloud rising 41,000 ft. The bomb emitted heat three times the temperature of the interior of the sun and wiped out all plant and animal life within a mile.

**July 18, 1947** - President Harry Truman signed an Executive Order determining the line of succession if the president becomes incapacitated or dies in office. Following the vice president, the speaker of the house and president of the Senate are next in succession. This became the 25th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, ratified on February 10, 1967.

**July 20, 1969** - A global audience watched on television as Apollo 11 Astronaut Neil Armstrong took his first step onto the moon. As he stepped onto the moon's surface he proclaimed, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" - inadvertently omitting an "a" before "man" and slightly changing the meaning.

**July 22, 1934** - Bank robber John Dillinger (1902-1934) was shot and killed by FBI agents as he left Chicago's Biograph Movie Theater after watching the film Manhattan Melodrama starring Clark Gable and Myrna Loy. Dillinger was the first criminal labeled by the FBI as "Public Enemy No. 1

**July 27, 1953** - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.

[www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/july.htm](http://www.historyplace.com/specials/calendar/july.htm)

**Fun Facts in July**

The birthstone representing July is one of the most popular traditional jewelry stones, ruby is exceptionally durable. Its colors are always red and can reach vivid levels of saturation. Fine-quality rubies are some of the most expensive gemstones, with record prices over \$1,000,000 per carat. Rubies have long been connected with physicality and strength. Favored by warriors, rubies were thought to be intimately connected with the human body. They were credited with increasing the strength and stamina of the wearer. Rubies were also thought to calm anger and help the wearer navigate passionate social situations.

July Birth Flowers are Larkspurs and Water Lily. Larkspurs are a symbol of positivity and dedication. They make a great addition to any garden, given their height and beautiful purple-blue blooms, but beware: these plants are poisonous!

The water lily represents purity and innocence while providing a boost to aquatic ecosystems and serving as an inspiration for one of the world's great painters.



# Commandant's Corner



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Throughout the month of July, the residents here at DVVH had the opportunity to participate in numerous events and activities both here at the facility and in the community. From weekly exercise programs music appreciation, horse racing, outdoor activities and of course BINGO. Bingo continues to be a popular event here at DVVH and we had organizations host Bingo from the Elks Lodge, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, and the American Legion and VFW Auxiliaries. We thank all our great volunteer organizations for their continued support of the residents at DVVH.

A special event took place on Saturday July 22nd, the Pennsylvania National Guard set up a static display with Stryker vehicles for the residents to view and then the Guardsmen took part in an outdoor picnic with our residents that included live music.



Congratulations and a warm welcome to our new employees. We are so glad you have chosen DVVH to come to work with our Veterans'. You are encouraged to share your thoughts and ideas.

To all residents and staff, my door is always open for you.

And I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work every day to make this facility the best.

Andrew

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<https://www.dmva.pa.gov/paveteranshomes/DelawareValleyVeteransHome/Documents/DVVH-Newsletter.pdf>

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Thank you for your generosity and support. You are deeply appreciated by the veterans, families and staff at DVVH.

***New Members of DVVH Welcome***

**Matthew Pugh - Air Force**

**Leonard Leibert - Army**

**William McDowell - Army**

**Curtis Paschal - Army**

**Terry Moore - Army**

**Philip Sheppard - Marine**

# TAPS



Delaware Valley Veterans' Home extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the following Veterans who had recently passed away.

Their presence will be greatly missed.

**Richard Micucci - Navy, Anthony Scarano - Army**

**Thomas Beagan - Army, Dolores Kruckow - Non-Vet**

**Levitt Nixon - Navy, Robert Gass - Army**



A **caisson** (US: / 'keɪsən /) is a two-wheeled cart designed to carry artillery ammunition; the British term is "ammunition wagon".

**Caissons** are also used to bear the casket of the deceased in some state and **military** funerals in certain Western cultures, including the United States.